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- 1. CHARLES UNIVERSITY AND PROF. GEORGE HELD HAVE REQUESTED THAT HELD REMAIN IN PRAGUE FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 1975/76, AND MFA HAS INFORMALLY ENDORSED PROPOSAL. EMBASSY ALSO ENDORSES IN VIEW HELD'S PROGRAM EFFECTIVENESS, WILLINGNESS TO TAKE ON ADDITIONAL COURSES NEXT YEAR AT CHARLES U. REQUEST, AND CHANCE TO GUIDE HIS STUDENTS OF THIS YEAR THRUGH THEIR THESES AND GRADUATION EXAMS. EMBASSY HOPES THIRD STRAIGHT YEAR UNDER FULBRIGHT GRANT WOULD NOT BE OBSTACLE.
- 2. IN EVENT HELD REMAINS IN PRAGUE SUGGEST PROF. MICHAEL BEGNAL BE CONSIDERED FOR CHARLS U. POSITION IN 1976/77. CHARLES U. HAS SPOKEN HIGHLY OF BOTH HELD AND BEGNAL, WITH SLIGHT EDGE IN FAVOR OF HELD.
- 3. EMBASSY ENDORSES JAMES HOWARD CALLAS' REQUEST TO REMAIN SECOND YEAR AT COMENIUS UNIVERSITY, BRATISLAVA. SLOVAK MINED HAS GIVEN INFORMAL APPROVAL AND EMBASSY EXPECTS NO COMPLICATIONS.
- 4. RE THIRD LECTURER IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, EMBASSY CONTINUES TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES. BREAKTHROUGH DOUBTFUL FOR REASONS CITE PARA 6 REFTEL. EMBASSY WISHES TO AVOID QUESTION OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RECIPROCITY FOT TWO EXISTING LECTURESHIPS (WHICH APPARENTLY

WILL CONTINUE FOR TIME BEING WITHOUT RECIPROCITY BECOMING ISSUE) AND WOULD OFFER CONSIDERATION OF RECIPROCITY IF THIS WOULD ASSURE SUITABLE THIRD LECTURESHIP.

5. FYI: EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THERE IS A "CHAIR OF CZECH AND SLOVAK STUDIES" AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, AUSTIN, AND ONE IN PROCESS OF FORMATION AT UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO. PERRY

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